

ESF #1 - TRANSPORTATION

Participating Departments/Agencies:

Department Of Roads
Department Of Administrative Services
 Transportation Services Bureau
Department Of Aeronautics
Department Of Education
Game And Parks Commission
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Military Department
Public Service Commission
State Fire Marshal
State Patrol

I. PURPOSE

- A. To coordinate the use of transportation resources to support the needs of local governments, voluntary organizations and other emergency groups requiring transportation resources to perform their emergency response and recovery missions.
- B. To manage state transportation resources which includes:
 - 1. Performing necessary actions to assist with emergency evacuation and re-entry of affected areas.
 - 2. Processing all transportation assistance requests from local emergency operations centers (EOCs) and state ESF requests received through the SEOC.
 - 3. Allocating and/or prioritizing public and private transportation resources for the transportation of people, materials, goods, and services to impacted areas. This includes the modes of highway, rail, air, and water.
 - 4. Establishing emergency highway traffic regulations to restrict access to roadway use as appropriate.
 - 5. Performing necessary actions to assist with recovery operations.

II. SITUATION

A. Disaster Condition

The transportation system in Nebraska may be severely damaged by an emergency or disaster event. Local transportation capabilities may be hampered

by insufficient resources, damaged infrastructure, and disrupted communications. Pre- or post-event evacuation may be ordered and may require local government(s) to request transportation assistance.

B. Assumptions

1. All available local transportation resources will be committed and additional help will be needed from the state.
2. Coordination with local and other ESFs efforts will be required.
3. Damaged areas will be restricted and not readily accessible, except in some cases by air.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. Before, during, and immediately following a Governor's emergency proclamation ESF #1 will respond to requests for local transportation assistance. It is anticipated that after evacuation efforts are completed, the majority of the requests for transportation resources will be initiated by other ESFs to assist in providing aid to those in need.

B. In support of ESF #1, the Department of Roads (DOR) will:

1. Provide a representative to serve as the NEMA designated ESF Coordinator (ESFC) for ESF #1. In the event of a potential or real disaster event, the ESFC will be notified by the SEOC. Upon SEOC request, the ESFC will be available to respond to transportation-related requests submitted through the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). When activation of the SEOC is implemented, and the NEMA requests, the ESFC will activate ESF #1, identify which participating departments/agencies are needed, and take steps to insure that the departments/agencies are activated or on alert as appropriate.

C. ESF #1 will:

1. Provide transportation resources, facilities, personnel and logistical support as requested through the SEOC;
2. Maintain inventories of available vehicular resources;
3. Establish communications with appropriate field personnel and ensure that they are ready for timely response;
4. Develop and prioritize strategies for a coordinated response;

6. Pre-position resources when it becomes apparent that state transportation resources will be required;
7. Coordinate movement of any transportation resource, that may be needed in recovery, from the potential disaster area to the nearest staging area;
8. Commit available equipment when evacuation or re-entry of a designated area is authorized and local transportation resources are not sufficient;
9. Coordinate with ESF #6 (Mass Care) to provide ground transportation to evacuation shelters;
10. Coordinate transportation resources with requests for transport of personnel, goods, and services;
11. Continually reassess priorities to address the most critical transportation needs;
12. Track resources which are committed to specific missions;
13. Re-deploy and re-stage resources as appropriate.
14. Coordinate aviation resources available to assist in disaster response activities;
15. Perform damage assessments and surveys on aircraft, airfields and related equipment;
16. Provide for aircraft and personnel.
17. Provide resource information regarding transportation assets;
18. Upon valid request, temporarily alter or suspend existing rates and regulations for common carriers;
19. Provide information on location and availability of local governmental transportation resources;
20. Upon valid request, temporarily alter or suspend existing transportation regulations for local school districts.
21. Staff traffic control points;
22. Provide transportation resources and personnel to transport or escort emergency personnel and vital supplies.

IV. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

ESF #1 will utilize personnel and resources from state departments/agencies to respond to mission assignments related to emergencies/disasters. Additional resources available from other ESFs may be coordinated and mobilized to support ESF #1 missions. When requests exceed the state's capability to respond, additional resources (i.e. federal resources, contractual agreements, and mutual aid agreements) will be mobilized. All personnel and resources mobilized by ESF #1 will remain under the direction and control of the ESFC #1, unless otherwise designated.